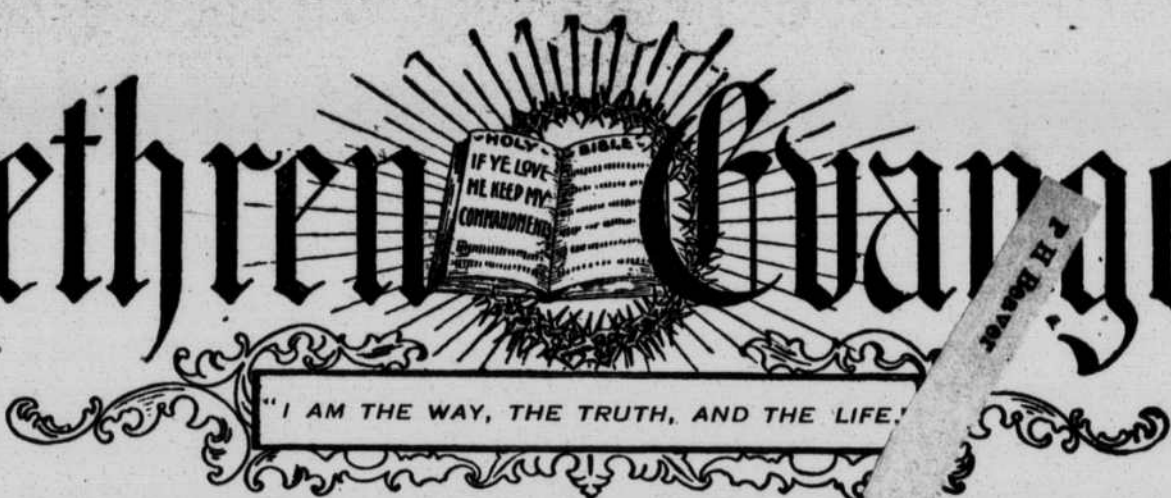


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"OWE no man anything, but to love one another."—Paul.

DURING the week, statements have been sent to about one hundred and twenty persons who *owe* this office for amounts aggregating \$800.

CAN you not use 100 copies of the special number in your church? You cannot invest a dollar in a better work.

IN the death of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, which occurred last week, this country loses one of her greatest women. She was a reformer in her day and that not among the least. In her work for the liberty of the slaves she built her own enduring monument.

FROM recent cable dispatches we learn that the Armenians are yet suffering at the hands of the cruel Kurds. The city of Van has been attacked and four thousand are said to have fallen. There is but little hope of any outside interference by any European nation. Meanwhile the butchery of a helpless people continues. If we can do no more let us at least *pray* for the remnant of this Christian people and help in the work of relief by giving of our means.

A FEW quarterlies for the present quarter remain on hand. If you need any extra copies better order at once. We have visited a number of schools and almost invariably find that the school lacks literature. Visitors ought always to be given a quarterly for the session.

THE *Christian Evangelist* contains the following extract from a sermon recently preached in Baltimore by Peter Ainslie. The writer once knew a real good brother who rented a large room to a saloon-keeper, and permitted the abominable business to be carried on in it because he got a high rent. We need a conscience on these lines. Here is the quotation: "I am likewise met by the landlord, who tells me that he is not responsible for the character of the people who rent his houses, and yet he becomes very soon responsible when those people refuse to pay. The saloon and brewer partner and the church member who rents his property for their business meets me with the statement that somebody is going to keep this business and he cannot see why he should not share the profits. Yet he thinks me a fool when I tell him that since somebody is going to fill the prison and somebody will be killed, so why not he? These so-called justifications are not from the Christian heart."

THE *Independent* of July 2nd contains the following excellent work on

PIETY AND PATRIOTISM.

Love of God and love of country, or piety and patriotism are closely allied. The root of each is filial obedience. We love God because we are his sons and ought to love him. In loving him we love all that he loves, hating all that he hates, and make his cause our cause. His laws are sacred to us, and we obey them gladly. Believing that our Creator and Redeemer knows all things, understanding our nature and tendencies far better than we, having wisdom sufficient to order everything, even our own lives, for the

best, we submit ourselves to his guidance with full confidence in his love, power and righteousness. My Father knows all about me. He made me, redeemed me, and called me to be his son. I love him, and therefore I worship him and obey him.

But God did not care for me alone. He cared for others with equal loving kindness, and he does not cease to care. All our environments are matters of concern to him. He individualizes the race that he may deal with every one personally. But his interest is not bounded by individual horizons. The race is also a unity to him. His promises and providences, his daily thought and his constant purposes are for *man*.

This unity is manifested in church, in family, in society, in nation, and in international alliance. As individuals, gathered into his one kingdom, we indicate our love and obedience to him by our piety. But we have a duty to one another which is quite as imperative as our duty to God. We love the church, and labor for its interest because it is precious to him; we love and protect the family, because it was ordered and blessed by him; we love and serve the nation, because

"Kingdoms and thrones to him belong," and he blesses the people that receive his law.

Church and State we say are separate, and ought to be separate; but we do not mean that the church should be godly and the State godless. We simply ordain that all worship and forms of worship must be voluntary, and not be subject to the regulation by the body of the people. The church is an association of individuals bound together by God's holy ordinances, and having direct relations with him. The State consists of all individuals, believers and unbelievers, and is charged with the maintenance of just and equal rights for all, the repression of wrongs and crimes, and the promotion of honesty and intelligence, general morality and general prosperity.